Third Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 1: Students are able to apply various reading strategies to comprehend and interpret text.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Application)	 3.R.1.1 Students are able to use decoding and word recognition skills to develop vocabulary and increase fluency when reading unfamiliar text. To meet this standard students may: use phonetic generalizations (for example: blends such as bl, tr; digraphs such as ch, sh, th, ea, oa; diphthongs such as oy, ow, au; and schwa); recognize high-frequency and common sight words; acquire knowledge of functional and content area words (for example: identify, locate, describe); attend to punctuation, phrasing, and expression when reading.
(Analysis)	 3.R.1.2 Students are able to use comprehension strategies to read and understand unfamiliar words, phrases, and passages. To meet this standard students may: use comprehension strategies (for example: making and confirming predictions, questioning, visualizing); use prior knowledge to make connections from text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world; make predictions before and during reading by using the table of contents, chapter headings, title page, and illustrations.
(Knowledge)	3.R.1.3 Students are able to identify text organizational features and their purpose in fiction and informational text. For example: fiction—table of contents, chapter headings, title page, illustrations, poetic forms; informational—glossary, table of contents, headings, bold print

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Indicator 2: Students are able to evaluate text structures, literary elements, and literary devices within various genres to develop interpretations and form responses.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Application)	 3.R.2.1 Students are able to locate, describe, and use text structures to expand meaning in a selection. To meet this standard students may: sequence the main events of a story; locate descriptive words and phrases; describe the main problem and its solution.
(Analysis)	 3.R.2.2 Students are able to distinguish differences among various literary elements and devices in grade level text. To meet this standard students may: compare character traits, goals, settings, and plots in and between stories; describe setting similarities in two different stories by the same author; compare rhyme patterns in different poems.

Indicator 3: Students are able to interpret and respond to diverse works from various cultures and time periods.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Application)	3.R.3.1 Students are able to respond to ideas and attitudes expressed in literature by making personal connections. To meet this standard students may:
	• connect personal traditions and experiences to ideas expressed in literature (for example : holidays, celebrations, time periods).

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Indicator 4: Students are able to retrieve, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate a variety of informational texts.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Application)	 3.R.4.1 Students are able to gather information to research a topic. To meet this standard students may: use text marking and organizing strategies to identify essential ideas (for example: sticky notes, highlighting and guided note-taking, webbing, Kidspiration software); locate information from multiple sources for reference purposes (for example: almanac, atlas, web sites, maps, CD-ROM, traditional encyclopedia); use features of books to locate information (for example: table of contents, headings, bold print, index, topic sentences, key words, guide words, illustrations, charts, maps, tables, graphs, diagrams).
(Application)	3.R.4.2 Students are able to utilize a set of directions, a model, or diagram in order to complete a project.

Third Grade Reading Performance Descriptors

	Third grade students performing at the advanced level:
Advanced	 apply decoding, word recognition skills, and comprehension strategies to develop vocabulary, to increase fluency, and to construct meaning from challenging text;
	• independently describe and use literary elements, devices, text structures, and text features to expand meaning;
	 gather and organize information for study and research purposes.
	Third grade students performing at the proficient level:
Proficient	 use decoding, word recognition skills, and comprehension strategies to develop vocabulary, to increase fluency, and to construct meaning from text; identify various literary elements, devices, and text structures; locate and describe text organizational features; gather information for research and other projects.
	Third grade students performing at the basic level:
	 attempt to use decoding, word recognition skills, and
Basic	comprehension strategies to develop vocabulary, increase
	fluency, and to construct meaning from text;
	 identify basic literary elements;
	• gather and organize information, with support.

Third Grade Reading ELL Performance Descriptors

ELL Performance Descriptors		
	Third grade ELL students performing at the proficient level:	
Proficient	 alphabetize words to the second letter; 	
	 use plurals, common contractions, compound words, and 	
	abbreviations;	
	 connect ideas and attitudes expressed in literature to other text 	
	and to the world;	
	 use comprehension strategies to make and confirm predictions by 	
	questioning and visualizing in all genres.	
	Third grade ELL students performing at the intermediate level:	
	 understand a story using cause and effect; 	
Intermediate	 use prior knowledge to make personal connection to ideas 	
	expressed in literature;	
	 use comprehension strategies to construct meaning from literary 	
	and informational text.	
	Third grade ELL students performing at the basic level:	
	 use decoding and word recognition skills to develop vocabulary 	
Basic	and increase fluency;	
	 acquire knowledge of content area words; 	
	 follow directions to gather, organize, and expand meaning of 	
	informational text, when assisted.	
	Third grade ELL students performing at the emergent level:	
Emergent	 identify visual universal symbols and graphics associated with a 	
	text;	
	 identify upper and lower case letters and associated sounds; 	
	 recognize isolated sight words. 	
Pre-Emergent	Third grade ELL students performing at the pre-emergent level:	
r re-Emergent	 do not understand enough language to perform in English. 	

Fourth Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 1: Students are able to apply various reading strategies to comprehend and interpret text.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Application)	 4.R.1.1 Students are able to apply knowledge of complex word patterns to determine meaning of unfamiliar words. To meet this standard students may: use contractions, syllabication, and words borrowed from another language; determine word meanings by applying knowledge of root words, prefixes, and suffixes.
(Analysis)	 4.R.1.2 Students are able to apply strategies to construct meaning from grade-level text. To meet this standard students may: use prior knowledge or context clues to interpret difficult text; use comprehension strategies (for example: making connections, questioning, visualizing, determining importance of content ideas); summarize the main message after reading the selection; determine key ideas and supporting details and record them in a graphic organizer.
(Application)	 4.R.1.3 Students are able to use organizational features of fiction and informational text to activate prior knowledge and to make predictions about text. To meet this standard students may: predict the use of vocabulary in an informational selection by sorting bold-faced words into categories; use the table of contents, headings, bold print, and captions to make predictions about text; recompose headings into questions; make predictions about a story by previewing the table of contents, chapter headings, title page, and illustrations; use the glossary to check meaning.

Fourth Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 2: Students are able to evaluate text structures, literary elements, and literary devices within various genres to develop interpretations and form responses.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Knowledge)	 4.R.2.1 Students are able to identify text structures and the specific text that demonstrates that form of organization. To meet this standard students may: compare various structures of ideas that are embedded in the organization of text (for example: compare/contrast, problem solving, description, and sequence); discuss the structure of the various genres (for example: traditional literature including folktales, fairytales, legends; contemporary realistic fiction; historical fiction; fantasy; poetry; non-fiction including biographies and autobiographies; international literature; and informational text).
(Analysis)	 4.R.2.2 Students are able to compare and contrast various literary elements and the use of literary devices. To meet this standard students may: compare and contrast literary elements (for example: character traits, settings, plots, and themes); examine text to determine the use of literary devices (for example: alliteration, personification, and imagery).

Indicator 3: Students are able to interpret and respond to diverse works from various cultures and time periods.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Analysis)	 4.R.3.1 Students are able to compare the use of fact and fiction in historical and contemporary realistic fiction. To meet this standard students may: question and conclude whether literary situations presented are fact or fiction (for example: interviews, books, articles, and online searches).

Fourth Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 4: Students are able to retrieve, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate a variety of informational texts.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples
(Application)	 4.R.4.1 Students are able to gather and organize information for study and research purposes. To meet this standard students may: use text-marking strategies to identify essential ideas (for example: sticky notes, highlighting); locate information from multiple sources for reference purposes (for example: almanac, atlas, websites, maps, CD-ROM, traditional encyclopedias; magazines such as National Geographic, Ranger Rick); use parts of books to locate information (for example: table of contents, index); compare information about one topic found in different selections or texts; learn and use a form of note taking that is personally effective (for example: webs, lists, Inspiration software, other graphic organizers).
(Application)	4.R.4.2 Students are able to use text features and graphic features to categorize information and to gain meaning from informational materials. For example: topic sentences, key words, diagrams, illustrations, charts, maps, tables, graphs, and diagrams

Fourth Grade Reading Performance Descriptors

	1 ci toi mance Descriptors	
	Fourth grade students performing at the advanced level:	
	 apply decoding and comprehension strategies to expand 	
	vocabulary and construct meaning from challenging text;	
Advanced	 analyze and describe literary elements, literary devices, and text 	
	structures and features, including those from a variety of	
	historical and contemporary perspectives;	
	 locate and determine the importance of information for use in 	
	study and research.	
Fourth grade students performing at the proficient level:		
	 apply knowledge of sentence structures, complex word patterns, 	
	and comprehension strategies to acquire vocabulary and construct	
Proficient	meaning from grade level texts;	
	 distinguish similarities and differences in literary elements, 	
	literary devices, and text structures and features to facilitate	
	comprehension across genres;	
	 gather and organize information for study and research purposes. 	
	Fourth grade students performing at the basic level:	
	 use word recognition skills and comprehension strategies to 	
Basic	acquire vocabulary and construct meaning from text at their	
	instructional level;	
	 identify basic literary elements; 	
	 gather and organize information, with assistance. 	

Fourth Grade Reading ELL Performance Descriptors

ELL Performance Descriptors	
Fourth grade ELL students performing at the proficient level:	
	• use sequencing to summarize the main message after reading a
Proficient	selection from leveled text;
	• gather, organize, and gain meaning from informational materials,
	using text and graphic features;
	• retell a story and identify characters, setting, and plot.
Fo	urth grade ELL students performing at the intermediate level:
	• use simple and compound sentence structures to assist in
Intermediate	determining word meanings;
	• use contractions and syllabication;
	 read and use comprehension strategies at leveled text to
	determine important content ideas.
Fo	urth grade ELL students performing at the basic level:
	• use simple sentence structure to assist and determine word
Basic	meanings;
	 read and comprehend leveled text;
	 apply knowledge of setting;
	• respond to and evaluate the use of illustration to support text.
Fo	urth grade ELL students performing at the emergent level:
	• identify visual universal symbols and graphics associated with a
Emangant	text;
Emergent	• identify upper and lower case letters and associated sounds;
	• use knowledge of letters and sounds to decode unfamiliar words;
	• recognize isolated sight words.
P. F. Fo	urth grade ELL students performing at the pre-emergent level:
Pre-Emergent 10	• do not understand enough language to perform in English.

Fifth Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 1: Students are able to apply various reading strategies to comprehend and interpret text.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples		
(Application)	 5.R.1.1 Students are able to use knowledge of word categories and word parts to determine meaning of unknown words. To meet this standard students may: decipher the meaning of difficult words by applying knowledge of root words, prefixes, suffixes, affixes, and syllable breaks; understand word categories (for example: synonyms, homophones, homographs, antonyms, acronyms, abbreviations, compound words, multiple-meaning words). 		
(Application)	 5.R.1.2 Students are able to apply comprehension strategies to construct meaning from literary and content area text. To meet this standard students may: preview text structure and text features to determine content; use discussion and questioning to comprehend unfamiliar text; create mental imagery from text; use prior knowledge and experiences to predict and infer in unfamiliar text; determine the importance of key ideas and supporting details, and record them using various graphic organizers; explain figurative use of words in context (for example: similes, metaphors, personification, idioms, oxymoron). 		
(Analysis)	 5.R.1.3 Students are able to analyze organizational features to determine important ideas in fiction and informational text. To meet this standard students may: design graphic organizers and record key ideas and supporting details using table of contents, headings and subheadings, bold print, captions, index, graphs, tables, and charts; make predictions about story plots, themes, settings, and characters by studying the table of contents, chapter headings, title page, and illustrations. 		

Fifth Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 2: Students are able to evaluate text structures, literary elements, and literary devices within various genres to develop interpretations and form responses.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples		
(Analysis)	 5.R.2.1 Students are able to determine the organizational structure of various texts in order to facilitate comprehension. To meet this standard students may: analyze various structures of ideas including cause/effect, comparison/contrast, problem solving, description, and sequence (for example: sequential, chronological, spatial); examine the structure of the various genres (for example: traditional literature such as folktales, fairytales, myths, legends, work songs; contemporary realistic fiction; historical fiction; science fiction and fantasy; poetry; informational text including biographies and autobiographies; international literature). 		
(Comprehension)	 5.R.2.2 Students are able to recognize the importance of literary elements and literary devices, and consider how they affect the message. To meet this standard students may: describe how character traits, plots, themes, mood, and point of view affect a story; describe how literary devices affect sensory perceptions of a selection (for example: alliteration, metaphor, simile, personification, imagery, symbolism, onomatopoeia). 		

Indicator 3: Students are able to interpret and respond to diverse works from various cultures and time periods.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples	
(Application)	 5.R.3.1 Students are able to question and compare literary selections from the perspective of various cultures and time periods. To meet this standard students may: consider author and time period perspectives when evaluating the authenticity and validity of the work (for example: Civil War—North vs. South perspectives, Revolutionary War—British/Canadian/Colonist perspectives); consider the author's ethnicity and/or age in relationship to the historical period (for example: Laura Ingalls Wilder); consider how the selection is influenced by external factors (for example: socio-economic status, environmental issues, prejudicial language, stereotypes). 	

Fifth Grade Reading Grade Standards, Supporting Skills, and Examples

Indicator 4: Students are able to retrieve, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate a variety of informational texts.

Bloom's Taxonomy Level	Standard, Supporting Skills, and Examples	
(Application)	 5.R.4.1 Students are able to locate and determine the importance of information for use in study and research. To meet this standard students may: locate information from multiple sources for reference purposes (for example: almanac, atlas, websites, maps, CD-ROM, encyclopedia); use parts of books to locate information (for example: index, appendix, pronunciation guide); compare information about one topic found in different selections or texts; learn and use meaningful forms of note taking (for example: outlines, webs, note cards, lists, Inspiration software, other graphic organizers); use text-marking strategies to identify essential ideas. 	
(Application)	5.R.4.2 Students are able to use information from a variety of formats to make inferences and report conclusions. For example: tables, charts, maps, graphs, diagrams	

Fifth Grade Reading Performance Descriptors

reflormance Descriptors		
	Fifth grade students performing at the advanced level:	
Advanced	 use context clues, word solving, and complex comprehension strategies to acquire vocabulary and construct meaning from challenging narrative, expository, and functional text; analyze the purpose of figurative language; examine and describe how literature can be used to better understand other time periods and events; locate, determine the importance of, and synthesize information from multiple sources. 	
	Fifth grade students performing at the proficient level:	
Proficient	 apply decoding and comprehension strategies to acquire vocabulary and construct meaning from grade level narrative, expository, and functional text; recognize the importance of literary elements, literary devices, and text organizational structures as they construct meaning across genres; locate and determine the importance of information, and use it in study and research. 	
	Fifth grade students performing at the basic level:	
Basic	 use knowledge of sentence structures, word patterns, and comprehension strategies to acquire vocabulary and construct meaning from text at their instructional level; identify literary elements and text structures; locate information for use in assignments. 	

Fifth Grade Reading ELL Performance Descriptors

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Fifth grade ELL students performing at the proficient level			
	 acquire new vocabulary and construct meaning by applying 		
	cueing systems as well as context and semantic cues;		
Proficient	 identify synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, and possessives; 		
	 recognize and respond to messages from visual media through 		
	speaking, writing, or their own visual representation;		
	 determine important facts and synthesize the information when 		
	presented with information in a variety of formats.		
	Fifth grade ELL students performing at the intermediate level:		
	 acquire new vocabulary and construct meaning by applying 		
	cueing systems as well as context and semantic cues;		
Intermediate	 identify synonyms and antonyms; 		
	 preview text structure to determine the content; 		
	 use discussion and questioning to comprehend unfamiliar text; 		
	 recognize and respond to messages from visual media through 		
	speaking or their own visual representation.		
	Fifth grade ELL students performing at the basic level:		
	 read and comprehend leveled text; 		
Basic	 analyze words, acquire new vocabulary, and construct meaning, 		
	with guidance, by using cueing systems as well context and		
	semantic cues;		
	 recognize and respond to messages from visual media. 		
	Fifth grade ELL students performing at the emergent level:		
	 identify visual universal symbols and graphics associated with a 		
Emergent	text;		
Linei gene	 use knowledge of letters and sounds to decode unfamiliar words; 		
	 respond to and evaluate the use of illustrations to support text; 		
	 recognize isolated sight words. 		
Pre-Emergent	Fifth grade ELL students performing at the pre-emergent level:		
1 re-Emergent	 do not understand enough language to perform in English. 		

3-5 Reading Standards

Indicator 1: Students are able to apply various reading strategies to comprehend and interpret text.

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
3.R.1.1 (Application) Use	4.R.1.1 (Application) Apply	5.R.1.1 (Application) Use
decoding and word	knowledge of complex word	knowledge of word categories
recognition skills to develop	patterns to determine meaning	and word parts to determine
vocabulary and increase	of unfamiliar words.	meaning of unknown words.
fluency when reading		
unfamiliar text.		
3.R.1.2 (Analysis) Use	4.R.1.2 (Analysis) Apply	5.R.1.2 (Application) Apply
comprehension strategies to	strategies to construct	comprehension strategies to
read and understand	meaning from grade-level text.	construct meaning from
unfamiliar words, phrases, and		literary and content area text.
passages.		
3.R.1.3 (Knowledge) Identify	4.R.1.3 (Application) Use	5.R.1.3 (Analysis) Analyze
text organizational features	organizational features of	organizational features to
and their purpose in fiction	fiction and informational text	determine important ideas in
and informational text.	to activate prior knowledge	fiction and informational text.
	and to make predictions about	
	text.	

Indicator 2: Students are able to evaluate text structures, literary elements, and literary devices within various genres to develop interpretations and form responses.

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
3.R.2.1 (Application) Locate,	4.R.2.1 (Knowledge) Identify	5.R.2.1 (Analysis) Determine
describe, and use text	text structures and the specific	the organizational structure of
structures to expand meaning	text that demonstrates that	various texts in order to
in a selection.	form of organization.	facilitate comprehension.
3.R.2.2 (Analysis)	4.R.2.2 (Analysis) Compare	5.R.2.2 (Comprehension)
Distinguish differences among	and contrast various literary	Recognize the importance of
various literary elements and	elements and the use of	literary elements and literary
devices in grade level text.	literary devices.	devices, and consider how
		they affect the message.

3-5 Grade Standards

Reading Standards 3-5

Indicator 3: Students are able to interpret and respond to diverse works from various cultures and time periods.

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
3.R.3.1 (Application)	4.R.3.1 (Analysis) Compare	5.R.3.1 (Application)
Respond to ideas and attitudes	the use of fact and fiction in	Question and compare literary
expressed in literature by	historical and contemporary	selections from the
making personal connections.	realistic fiction.	perspective of various cultures
		and time periods.

Indicator 4: Students are able to retrieve, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate a variety of informational texts.

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
3.R.4.1 (Application) Gather	4.R.4.1 (Application) Gather	5.R.4.1 (Application) Locate
information to research a	and organize information for	and determine the importance
topic.	study and research purposes.	of information for use in study
		and research.
3.R.4.2 (Application) Utilize	4.R.4.2 (Application) Use text	5.R.4.2 (Application) Use
a set of directions, a model, or	features and graphic features	information from a variety of
diagram in order to complete a	to categorize information and	formats to make inferences
project.	to gain meaning from	and report conclusions.
	informational materials.	_